

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*After some recent incidents at school, it is timely to repeat our periodic warning to parents about the dangers and hazards posed by indiscriminate use of the internet by children. Older pupils can, on occasion, cause much distress to others by emailing or posting messages, and it is all too easy to do something that is later deeply regretted. Anything that is posted by a child on an internet domain for public viewing should be closely supervised by a responsible adult, and social network sites (like Facebook) should not be used by those of prep school age. Finally for some children 'gaming' becomes almost an addiction and a degree of control is necessary.*

## **Internet Safety**

Whilst many internet service providers offer filtering systems and tools to help you safeguard your child at home, it remains surprisingly easy for children to access inappropriate material including unsuitable text, pictures and movies. Excellent software applications such as NetNanny (<http://www.netnanny.com>) eliminate exposure to unsuitable material. Locating the computer in a family area where possible, not a bedroom, will enable you to supervise your son or daughter as they use the internet. Whilst not wishing to deny children the opportunity to learn from and enjoy the wide variety of material and games available on the internet, it is worth making some simple rules for keeping safe online:

- ask permission before using the internet and discuss what websites you are using.
- only use websites you have chosen together or through a child friendly search engine.
- only email people you know (the parent might consider setting up an address book).
- ask permission before opening an email sent by someone you don't know.
- do not use your real name when using games or websites on the internet (create a nickname).
- never give out any personal information about yourself, friends or family online including home address, phone or mobile number.
- never tell someone you don't know where you go to school or post any pictures of yourself in school uniform.
- only use a webcam with people you know.
- tell an adult immediately if you see anything with which you are unhappy.
- never arrange to meet someone that you have 'met' on the internet without talking to an adult first; always take an adult and meet in a public place.

## **After School Clubs and TASC**

Please note that the final clubs of this term are on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. TASC will operate as usual until Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as places are limited and it is likely to be busy once clubs have finished.

## **After School Clubs - Summer Term 2012**

Next term's club information has been sent out today via email and the deadline for returning forms is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

## **David Shepherd Art and Poetry Competition**

Mrs Lavery took a group of children whose work is being exhibited to the David Shepherd Art Exhibition and Prize-Giving on Thursday. The children were on their best behaviour and they enjoyed seeing their work on display and meeting David Shepherd. Eden Bray (Year 6) won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the poetry competition in the age 8 to 10 category and all the children were given certificates.

## **Mathletics**

Marley Naylor (Year 4) is currently 45<sup>th</sup> in the Top 100 UK students. Well done Marley!

## **2SH Assembly - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

The children in 2SH would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0900. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Year 4 Battsborough Briefing - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

The Year 4 Battsborough Briefing for parents will be taking place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 1615 in 4TB's classroom. There will be supervision organised during the briefing for Year 4 children.

## **Pre-Prep Spring Celebration - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

All Pre-Prep parents are invited to join the children in New Hall on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March for their Spring Celebration. We are aiming for a 1330 start.

## **Year 6 Poetry Evening - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Parents are invited to support the Year 6 Poetry evening on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March in New Hall at 1800. All of Year 6 will be involved and the children should stay on at school to practise beforehand.

## **Poetry Competition Final - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

The final for our Poetry Competition this year will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 1000 in New Hall.

## **Spring Concert - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

The Spring Concert will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March in New Hall starting at 1900. It will include all of our ensembles, i.e. Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Year 8 Ukulele Ensemble, Chamber Ensemble, Junior and Senior Ensembles (Recorder, Wind, Strings and Brass). Hall Grove Choir and Girls Choir will also be taking part on this occasion. This will be a wonderful evening of music and an opportunity to witness the hard work that has taken place over this term. All pupils, parents and friends are warmly invited to attend the concert.

## **Easter Service - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Our Easter Service will be taking place in New Hall on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1030. This is always a lovely occasion with beautiful music; all parents are warmly invited to attend.

## **Exhibition Hockey Match - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Hall Grove's annual exhibition hockey match between an Invitation Team and the Hall Grove Old Boys will be played on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1145. It is a great opportunity for the pupils to watch senior hockey played at a very high standard. We would encourage parents to come and watch.

## **Exhibition Netball Match - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

An exhibition netball match between the 1<sup>st</sup> VII and the Hall Grove Old Girls will be played on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1145. Parents are invited to come and watch.

## **End of Term Arrangements - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

1145 Exhibition Hockey Match  
1145 Exhibition Netball Match  
1200 Pre-Prep collection time  
1215 Years 3 and 4 collection time  
1230 Years 5 and 6 collection time  
1245 Years 7 and 8 collection time

Middle and Upper School year groups will be dismissed pitch-side. Bags etc will be stacked outside the school buildings. Please park before the barrier as directed.

## **School Uniform Shop**

The School Uniform Shop will be open at the following times over the Easter holidays:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1000 - 1200  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 1500 - 1700

## **Summer Uniform**

Summer uniform is to be worn from the start of next term.

## **Headlice**

There has been a case of headlice reported in Middle School. We would ask you to check all members of your family this weekend and, if lice are found, treat as soon as possible with the lotion recommended by your chemist. Regular checks at home are important. Lice spread rapidly and, if we are going to keep the problem at bay, we do need your co-operation.

## Chickenpox

There has been a case of chickenpox reported in Middle School. A child remains infectious until all the spots have crusted over, and must be absent from school during this time. Chickenpox is highly contagious and the incubation period is ten to twenty-one days.

## Music Department

### Music Competition Concert

Yesterday evening we were treated to performances by the winners of our Music Competition. How impressive to see such a variety of ages, instruments and styles all in one concert. Everyone performed extremely well and it is difficult to choose a few for mention; however, Cole Lam (Reception), George Freeman (Year 4) and Yousuf Mirza (Year 7) stood out for their exceptional performances. Well done to everyone involved!

### St. Paul's Cathedral

St. Paul's Cathedral is looking for young singers from all over the UK to form the Diamond Choir and sing for The Queen. If you are a boy or girl aged 10 - 13 and you sing regularly in a church, school or other youth choir, this is your chance to perform a brand new choral work at the special service in St. Paul's to mark The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. After filling out a simple online form, you may be invited to one of eighteen auditions in regional cathedrals across the UK. Forty young people from the regions and nations of the UK will then be chosen to come to London and take part in this once-in-a-lifetime occasion on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (<http://www.diamondchoir.co.uk/>).

### National Preparatory School Orchestra

This summer, the NPSO will be holding another residential course in the picturesque setting of Wellington College from 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> July. With a team of expert instrumental specialists they create a vibrant and invigorating atmosphere of shared music-making. The course will have a team of experienced, fully qualified and CRB checked pastoral staff to ensure that children are properly cared for at all times and to encourage them to take full advantage of the wonderful recreational facilities. To make music together in such large numbers and at a high standard of preparation can be exhilarating, inspiring and just plain good fun for both experienced instrumentalists and those starting out. A number of Hall Grove children attended last year's course and gained very much from it. Please collect a flyer from Mrs Salmond Smith or visit <http://www.npso.co.uk/> for further details.

## Sports News

### Girls' Hockey

11<sup>th</sup> March - Bradfield Tournament: U11 A - won 5, drew 1, lost 1 and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in tournament.

12<sup>th</sup> March - Cranleigh Tournament: 1<sup>st</sup> VII - won 4, drew 2, lost 4 and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in pool.

14<sup>th</sup> March v Claremont: U11 A won

### Girls' Hockey House Matches - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Girls' House Hockey for Years 3 and 4 will be taking place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The girls should arrive at 0840 and should wear their house t-shirts. The matches will start at 0900 and will finish at 1030.

### Netball

14<sup>th</sup> March v Holme Grange: 1<sup>st</sup> VII won, U10 A lost

14<sup>th</sup> March v Waverley: U11 B won

15<sup>th</sup> March v Crosfields: U8 A won, U8 B won

15<sup>th</sup> March v The Marist: U9 A and B lost

### Boys' Hockey

10<sup>th</sup> March - Hall Grove U10 Tournament: U10 A won

10<sup>th</sup> March v Ludgrove: 1<sup>st</sup> XI won, 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won, Colts A won, Colts B won

13<sup>th</sup> March - Parkside U9 Tournament: U9 A 3<sup>rd</sup> place

14<sup>th</sup> March v Hoe Bridge: 1<sup>st</sup> XI lost, 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI won, Colts A lost, Colts B lost U10 A drew, U10 B lost, U10 C won, U10 D drew

14<sup>th</sup> March v St. Andrew's: 4<sup>th</sup> XI lost

15<sup>th</sup> March v Hoe Bridge: U9 A won, U9 B, C and D lost

16<sup>th</sup> March v Woodcote House: 1<sup>st</sup> XI won, Colts A won

### Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Boys' Hockey v Lambrook: U10 A to meet at Hall Grove at 1325 for a home match starting at 1345. Colts A to meet at Lambrook at 1325 for an away match starting at 1345. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI to meet at Hall Grove at 1400 for a home match starting at 1430. 1<sup>st</sup> XI to meet at Lambrook at 1400 for an away match starting at 1430.

### Calendar Amendments

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March: U11 B Girls' Hockey v Bishopsgate at 1430 (h).

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Netball v Holme Grange - please note the start time has change to 1415 and the U11 and U10 teams will now be playing a triangular contest against Holme Grange and Crosfields.

## **IAPS National Judo Championships**

Good luck to our small team of judoka, Fraser Graham, Matthew Burford and Elliot Cook, who are heading off to compete at the National Judo Championships in High Wycombe on Saturday.

## **Sport Relief Mile**

We will be incorporating the Sport Relief Mile into our House Cross Country Competition during games on the afternoon of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. For a donation of £2 children may run in a fancy dress costume in their house colour.

## **CPC Loop Den Haag Run**

Felix and Zara Stewart (both in Year 6) ran in the CPC Loop Den Haag on Monday. The experience was one both the children will never forget. Zara ran well finishing in a good time; however, Felix ran an exceptional race finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, out of a field of around 3000. Throughout the race he and another child led and police motorbikes cleared the way in front of cheering crowds - what an experience for them.

## **Adult Ceramics Evening Class - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March Miss Dowse's Ceramics Evening Class will run from 2000 to 2200 due to the Parent Interviews taking place that evening.

## **Casino Royale Ball - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Following an overwhelming response for tickets to the Casino Royale Ball, we are thrilled to announce that we sold 150 tickets in less than 24 hours! Due to demand, we are able to offer a limited number of additional tickets but there are only a few left. Therefore if you have not bought yours yet and wish to attend this exciting event please contact your year group committee member as soon as possible.

*Ball Committee*

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## **Home Instead Senior Care - Vacancies**

Home Instead Senior Care are looking for caring individuals to help support elderly people in their own homes. The role includes companionship and home help, cooking and helping with appointments. No experience is necessary as full training is provided. Hours to suit. Please telephone 01276 903106 for further information or complete an application form online ([http://www.homeinstead.co.uk/ascot/Become\\_A\\_CAREGiver.do](http://www.homeinstead.co.uk/ascot/Become_A_CAREGiver.do)).

## **Childcare Needed**

We are looking for occasional childcare for William (10) and our daughter (13), to be picked up from school in term time, fed at home and cared for until approximately 8.00pm each evening. In addition, during school holidays we would need cover at home all day. If interested, please call Alison Sutcliffe (mother of William in Year 5) on 07788 565057.

